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To whom it may concern

SEAR NO. 1604 – 89-151 OLD CASTLEREAGH ROAD, CASTLEREAGH – ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE – REQUEST FOR WAIVER

We refer to the proposed development of 89-151 Old Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh ('the subject area') by Heliport Developers Pty Ltd & Sydney Helicopters Pty Ltd ('the Proponents'), which is the subject of issued Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEAR Number 1604) dated 25 August 2021.

The Proponents request that the SEARs for Aboriginal cultural heritage be waived for the proposed works for the following reasons.

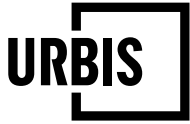
The issued SEARs require the following in respect of Aboriginal cultural heritage:

- *An assessment of potential impacts on Aboriginal cultural and archaeological heritage documented in an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales (DECCW 2010) and the Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW (OEH 2011); and*
- *Consultation with Aboriginal people in accordance with Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents (DECCW 2010).*

The original proposal for the development of the subject area consisted of the following: constructions of three helicopter hangars, administrative and retail facilities, stormwater drainage, bioretention basin, service utilities and road infrastructure, including parking access, roads and apron.

The works currently proposed by the Proponents are limited to:

- Demolition of two single storey sheds and integrated hardstand extending beyond the footprint of the sheds.
- Demolition of one small single storey shed and associated pavement.
- Removal of one inground tank.
- Removal of one flood light.



- Removal of up to 10 trees.
- Reinstatement of grass turf in locations of removed hardstands and pavement.
- Installation of new concrete hardstand in location of existing concrete hardstands.
- Installation of new lighting as required for the final approach and take-off area ('FATO')

Urbis has undertaken an Aboriginal Objects Due Diligence Assessment (ADD) of the subject area to determine whether the proposed works will harm any Aboriginal objects or places that may exist within the subject area. A copy a Due Diligence Report presenting the findings of the ADD is annexed hereto.

The ADD determined that the proposed works are unlikely to harm any Aboriginal objects as the only proposed activities that will disturb the ground surface are confined to areas previously subject to high levels of ground disturbance. The ground disturbance was caused by earthworks associated with the Penrith Lakes Scheme and involved quarrying of material to a significant depth. The ADD has determined that there is **nil potential** for Aboriginal objects to be retained in these areas. The proposed works will not harm any Aboriginal objects in these areas.

All other proposed works would have no significant impact on the ground surface and would therefore also not harm any Aboriginal objects.

In view of the findings of the ADD, the Proponents request that the SEARs for Aboriginal cultural heritage be waived for the proposed works.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Balazs Hansel".

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